

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

December 3, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
General Government
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Steve Womack
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Financial Services and
General Government
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Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chairman Quigley, and Ranking Member Womack:

As the Committee works to complete the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations bills, we are writing to bring attention to the need for adequate funding for the Made in America Office (MIAO) within the Office Management and Budget (OMB). The MIAO was established under Executive Order 14005 and codified under Section 70923 of the bipartisan Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act.

Among its duties, the MIAO is responsible for maximizing and enforcing compliance with our nation's domestic content preference laws. This includes timely consideration of all waiver requests, reviews and preparation of numerous reports requested by Congress, coordination of training for federal agencies and recipients, ensuring that federal agencies work with the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) supplier scouting activities, and other whole-of-government actions to develop and sustain a strong manufacturing base in the United States.

The success of our domestic content preference laws, including Buy American and Buy America policies, depend on MIAO successfully administering these responsibilities. Reinvesting tax dollars here at home creates American jobs, invests in goods produced under strong environmental and workplace safety standards, and protects our economic and national security. Without these policies in place, foreign governments would be free to undercut U.S. production with dumped and subsidized, environmentally-unfriendly, and substandard products – all while bypassing American workers and sending American tax dollars offshore rather than reinvesting in the United States.

The MIAO requires adequate funding to conduct its work. This request is timely considering MIAO is playing a vital role in the ongoing Buy America rulemaking process, coordinating with other agencies on critical supply chain reviews, and will soon be at the center of guiding a

government-wide review process followed by implementation of sweeping improvements to Buy America laws.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter and request your support for adequate funding for staffing and other expenses of the MIAO as Congress works to complete the FY22 appropriations process. Funding for this important office is necessary both for the health of our U.S. manufacturing sector, but also to the American public who depend on the timely consideration and completion of critical infrastructure projects.

Sincerely,



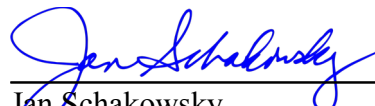
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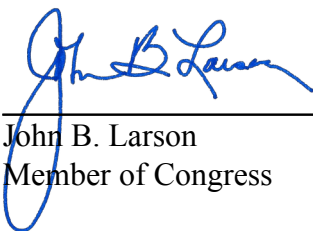
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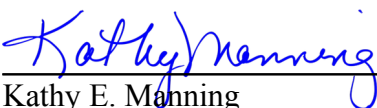
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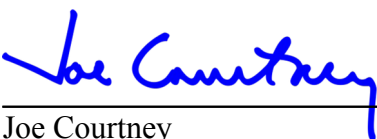
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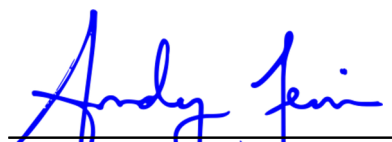
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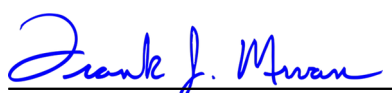
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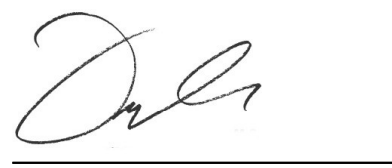
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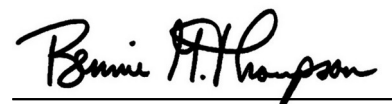
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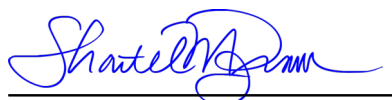
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